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APPLICANTS: Quinn, et al  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

In response to the Restriction Requirement of June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2004, Applicants request that the following amendment be entered.

This response is being filed within a time period that extends four months past the time limit initially set by the Examiner, and accordingly Applicants are filing concurrently herewith a request for a four month extension of time in which to submit this Amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for this extension to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-2648 Reference No. 81CIP.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.